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Cities and Towns in Missoula County

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The most current county-by-county information can be found in our quarterly publication *Employment and Labor Force Trends*. And most of our information is on the Internet at <http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/>. In addition, we'll do our best to provide information in accessible format, on request, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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Missoula County

Located in western Montana, Missoula County is Montana's second most populous with 96,303 residents, according to the 2001 estimates produced by the U.S. Census Bureau.

According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1865 and was once part of Washington Territory.

Missoula, the county seat, is the state's second largest city with a population of 57,053, according to the 2000 Census. Nicknamed the "Garden City," Missoula often has a milder climate than other Montana cities. Missoula is home to the University of Montana and the 2001 NCAA Division I-AA Championship Grizzly football team. According to a University of Montana *Kaimin* article, Washington-Grizzly Stadium ranks as the seventh highest population center in Montana during game time when filled to capacity with 19,500 fans. The city is also a major medical and retail hub in western Montana.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Missoula County households in 1999 was \$34,454. The county is 2,618.4 square miles in area; 2,598.2 square miles in land area and 20.17 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the *Western Regional Climate Center*, the average daily low in Missoula in January between 1971 and 2000 was 16.2 degrees above zero. The average daily high in July was 83.6 degrees above. The annual precipitation during the same period was 13.82 inches and the growing season was from May 26 to Sept. 17 (last and first frost).

Missoula County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	2001 Census Estimate	2000 Census	1990 Census	1980 Census	% Change '00 to '01	% Change '90 to '00	% Change '80 to '90
Montana	904,433	902,195	799,065	786,690	0.2%	12.9%	1.6%
Missoula County	96,303	95,802	78,687	76,016	0.5%	21.8%	3.5%
Missoula	NA	57,053	42,918	34,893	NA	32.9%	23.0%

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896.

NA = not available

County data is available on our website at:
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Top 20 Private Employers In Missoula County
Listed In Alphabetical Order

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Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau.

Second Quarter 2002 Unemployment Insurance Information.

This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to Unemployment Insurance. Railroads, tribal entities and city, county, state and federal government agencies (including public school districts and universities) are excluded.

Annual Average Labor Force For Missoula County				
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unem- ployed	Unem- ployment Rate
2001	54,198	52,238	1,960	3.6%
2000	55,249	53,393	1,856	3.4%
1999	53,885	51,932	1,953	3.6%
1998	52,270	50,046	2,224	4.3%
1997	51,298	49,110	2,188	4.3%
1996	49,875	47,871	2,004	4.0%
1995	47,980	45,498	2,482	5.2%
1994	47,612	45,419	2,193	4.6%
1993	46,825	44,090	2,735	5.8%
1992	45,736	42,681	3,055	6.7%
1991	43,384	40,088	3,296	7.6%
1990	42,704	40,181	2,523	5.9%
1989	41,341	39,210	2,131	5.2%
1988	40,600	37,998	2,602	6.4%
1987	40,959	38,339	2,620	6.4%
1986	41,378	38,387	2,991	7.2%
1985	40,968	38,074	2,894	7.1%
1984	39,918	37,363	2,555	6.4%
1983	36,515	33,581	2,934	8.0%
1982	35,334	32,082	3,252	9.2%
1981	35,546	32,268	3,278	9.2%
1980	35,834	33,121	2,713	7.6%
1979	36,382	34,061	2,321	6.4%
1978	36,017	33,556	2,461	6.8%
1977	32,531	30,173	2,358	7.2%
1976	30,344	28,298	2,046	6.7%
1975	29,008	26,869	2,139	7.4%
1974	27,548	25,891	1,657	6.0%
1973	26,419	25,060	1,359	5.1%
1972	25,649	24,486	1,163	4.5%
1971	23,924	22,896	1,028	4.3%
1970	23,512	22,398	1,114	4.7%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau (2002 Benchmark).

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex 1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data <i>Civilian Labor Force-All Persons</i>			
Occupation	Total	Male	Female
<i>Total</i>	40,011	21,511	18,500
<i>Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations</i>	10,417	5,226	5,191
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	4,210	2,368	1,842
Professional Specialty Occupations	6,207	2,858	3,349
<i>Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations</i>	12,205	4,765	7,440
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	1,375	726	649
Sales Occupations	5,188	2,848	2,340
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	5,642	1,191	4,451
<i>Service Occupations</i>	6,794	2,677	4,117
Private Household Occupations	168	13	155
Protective Service Occupations	651	537	114
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	5,975	2,127	3,848
<i>Farming, Forestry, Fishing</i>	1,171	896	275
<i>Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations</i>	3,594	3,248	346
Mechanics and Repairers	1,303	1,223	80
Construction Trades	1,379	1,318	61
Extractive Occupations	10	6	4
Precision Production Occupations	902	701	201
<i>Operators, Fabricators and Laborers</i>	5,637	4,604	1,033
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	1,937	1,415	522
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	1,895	1,736	159
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	1,805	1,453	352
<i>Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience</i>	193	95	98

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (CD-ROM).

Resources

⇒ Chambers of Commerce:

Missoula Chamber, P O Box 7577, Missoula, MT 59807, 406-543-6623
Seeley Lake Area Chamber, P O Box 516, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2880

⇒ Department of Labor and Industry

Missoula Job Service Workforce Center

539 S 3rd St W, Missoula, MT 59806, 406-728-7060, <http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/local/missoula/>

Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research & Analysis Bureau Publications and Website

For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections and hourly pay by occupation, contact the office at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication or check out our Internet website at <http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/>

⇒ Economic Development:

Missoula Area Economic Development Corp., 1121 E. Broadway, Suite 100, Missoula, MT 59802, 406-728-3337

Montana Community Development Corp., 110 E. Broadway, 2nd Floor, Missoula, MT 59802, 406-728-9234

⇒ Housing Costs:

Missoula County Association of Realtors, Inc., 715 Kensington, Suite 25A, Missoula, MT 59801, 406-728-0560

⇒ Internet:

Montana Workforce Services home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/>

For information on the Internet about cities and towns of Bonner, Clinton, Frenchtown, Greenough, Huson, Lolo, Milltown, Missoula and Seeley Lake go to <http://www.visitmt.com> and click on "cities and towns"

⇒ Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

Drivers' Licensing

Missoula-2681 Palmer, Suite A, 406-329-1355

⇒ Newspapers:

Missoula Independent, P O Box 8275, Missoula, MT 59807, 406-543-6609, <http://www.missoulanews.com>

The Missoulian, P O Box 8029, Missoula, MT 59807, 406-523-5200, <http://www.missoulian.com>

Seeley Swan Pathfinder, P O Box 702, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2022, <http://www.seeleyswanpathfinder.com>

⇒ Public Libraries:

Missoula Public Library, 301 E. Main, Missoula, MT 59802-4799, 406-721-2665

Seeley Lake Branch Library, High School Road, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2224

⇒ Postsecondary Education Institutions:

Montana University System

University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812, 800-462-8636, <http://www.umt.edu/>

The University of Montana College of Technology, 909 S. Ave W., Missoula, MT 59801, 406-243-7811 or 800-542-6882 (within Montana), <http://www.ctc.umt.edu/>

⇒ Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

Bonner Elementary, Box 1004, Bonner, MT 59823, 406-258-6151

Clinton Elementary, P O Box 250, Clinton, MT 59825, 406-825-7844

DeSmet Elementary, 6355 Padre Lane, Missoula, MT 59808, 406-549-4994

Frenchtown K-12 Schools, P O Box 117, Frenchtown, MT 59834, 406-626-5762

Hellgate Elementary, 2385 Flynn Lane, Missoula, MT 59802, 406-728-5626

Lolo Elementary, 11395 Highway 93S, Lolo, MT 59847, 406-273-0451

Missoula County Public Schools, 215S 6th W., Missoula, MT 59801, 406-728-2400

Potomac Elementary, 29750 Potomac Road, Potomac, MT 59823, 406-244-5581

Seeley Lake Elementary, P O Box 840, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2265

Sunset Elementary, P O Box 344, Greenough, MT 59836, 406-244-5685

Swan Valley Elementary, 6423 Highway 83, Condon, MT 59826, 406-754-2320

Target Range Elementary, 4095 S. Ave W., Missoula, MT 59804, 406-549-9239

Woodman Elementary, 18470 Highway 12 West, Lolo, MT 59847, 406-273-7140

Missoula Employment By Industry*

Annual Averages 2001

Industry	# of Estab- lish- ments	Average Annual Employ- ment	Annual Wages Paid	Industry	# of Estab- lish- ments	Average Annual Employ- ment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	4,128	49,151	\$1,286,880,431	Building Materials-Garden	54	739	\$18,409,241
PRIVATE BUSINESS	4,009	41,291	\$1,024,148,457	General Merchandise	21	1614	\$26,335,793
AGRI., FORESTRY, FISH	82	316	\$6,516,498	Food Stores	52	1243	\$19,553,036
Agriculture Production/Crops	4	26	\$231,242	Auto Dealers-Service Stations	101	1394	\$35,212,709
Agriculture Production/Livestock	12	43	\$1,232,101	Apparel & Accessories	46	320	\$3,561,662
Agriculture Services	50	158	\$2,331,629	Furniture Stores	60	586	\$13,482,725
Forestry	15	87	\$2,721,326	Eating & Drinking	268	4214	\$40,968,160
MINING	8	14	\$647,577	Miscellaneous Retail	172	1409	\$20,757,235
Metal Mining	5	6	\$287,664	FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	349	2223	\$75,645,172
CONSTRUCTION	468	2,681	\$81,098,312	Banking	44	686	\$22,639,585
General Building	151	585	\$16,806,551	Credit Agencies	34	144	\$4,936,053
Heavy Construction	30	495	\$18,154,093	Security & Commodity	34	113	\$8,426,436
Special Trade	286	1,580	\$46,137,668	Insurance Carriers	26	131	\$5,605,404
MANUFACTURING	205	3,187	\$112,220,432	Insurance Agents	70	558	\$21,112,237
Food Products	14	376	\$10,470,619	Real Estate	128	437	\$9,364,360
Apparel	4	18	\$246,103	Holding & Investments	10	150	\$5,561,095
Lumber	70	1,169	\$40,399,164	SERVICES	1667	16392	\$404,682,440
Furniture	10	90	\$2,390,065	Hotels & Lodging	58	757	\$8,263,682
Printing-Publishing	30	391	\$10,314,006	Personal Services	75	453	\$7,122,411
Chemicals	4	16	\$505,131	Business Services	247	2451	\$48,608,029
Leather	3	10	\$146,135	Auto Repair Services	125	776	\$17,642,916
Stone-Clay-Glass	5	36	\$1,095,579	Miscellaneous Repair Services	51	169	\$4,117,471
Fabricated Metals	8	107	\$3,519,512	Motion Pictures	23	264	\$2,487,899
Nonelectrical Machinery	13	60	\$2,251,271	Amusement & Recreation	98	1108	\$12,409,442
Electrical Machinery	3	2	\$69,664	Health Services	283	5597	\$194,037,387
Instruments	11	144	\$4,036,939	Legal Services	94	468	\$18,636,768
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	14	178	\$4,912,981	Educational Services	35	302	\$5,043,906
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	187	2,717	\$96,969,386	Social Services	164	1796	\$26,613,041
Trucking-Warehousing	107	1,134	\$39,271,792	Membership Organizations	111	848	\$13,170,214
Air Transportation	11	291	\$9,940,021	Engineering Services	225	1265	\$44,273,681
Transportation Services	24	168	\$4,156,938	Private Households	57	88	\$1,246,044
Communications	24	642	\$26,317,659	NONCLASSIFIABLE	8	15	\$325,532
Electricity, Gas, Sanitation	10	256	\$11,839,635	GOVERNMENT	119	7850	\$282,731,974
WHOLESALE TRADE	234	2,238	\$67,522,547	State	19	3184	\$102,467,227
Durable Goods	157	1,282	\$42,244,811	Local	52	3236	\$93,397,353
Nondurable Goods	76	955	\$25,277,736	Federal	46	1439	\$66,867,394
RETAIL TRADE	796	11,526	\$178,340,561				

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

*Payroll Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance

Per Capita Personal Income

	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	1980	1970
U.S.	\$29,469	\$27,843	\$26,893	\$25,412	\$24,270	\$23,255	\$22,340	\$21,539	\$20,962	\$20,023	\$19,572	\$10,183	\$4,095
Montana	\$22,518	\$21,490	\$21,225	\$19,920	\$19,173	\$18,592	\$17,995	\$17,968	\$17,045	\$16,471	\$15,516	\$9,143	\$3,625
% of National													
Average	76%	77%	79%	78%	79%	80%	81%	83%	81%	82%	79%	90%	89%
Missoula County	\$24,111	\$22,802	\$22,307	\$20,990	\$20,141	\$19,423	\$18,858	\$18,314	\$17,673	\$16,613	\$15,906	\$9,187	\$3,450
% of National													
Average	82%	82%	83%	83%	83%	84%	84%	85%	84%	83%	81%	90%	84%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released May 2002.

PLEASE NOTE: Because of time and budget constraints, we are only able to update our county fliers periodically. Individual tables are updated on a more frequent basis. You can call us if you'd like the most current information for a particular county. The Annual Averages for County Employment by Industry are updated annually, usually in June. The Top Employers are updated annually. Per Capita Income is usually released late spring. Population data for Montana is released in late December and county data in March. The Annual Average Labor Force information is benchmarked annually and numbers available before March. The other tables contain Census information and will be updated every 10 years. You can also look for more current information on our website listed on the front of this publication.

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Count of Persons by Age, Race and Sex (2000 Census)															
School Age		White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Some Other Race Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
						Total		Total		Total		Total		Total	
		Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11		7,622	3,649	36	12	308	154	107	54	58	24	293	136	216	101
12-14		3,660	1,783	11	6	136	67	53	26	21	10	117	55	101	53
15-17		3,715	1,806	10	3	129	52	59	29	22	8	105	55	84	32
18-21		8,109	4,177	27	8	217	111	136	84	43	24	190	98	172	93
Total		23,106	11,415	84	29	790	384	355	193	144	66	705	344	573	279
Working & Voting Age		White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Some Other Race Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
						Total		Total		Total		Total		Total	
		Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
16+		72,548	36,581	180	48	1,527	766	807	447	316	150	1,119	572	1,073	559
16-64		63,166	31,180	173	45	1,453	716	762	426	303	140	1,055	537	1,013	527
18+		70,145	35,415	170	45	1,447	734	771	429	301	146	1,051	540	1,006	534
18-64		60,763	30,014	163	42	1,373	684	726	408	288	136	987	505	946	502
Other Age Group		White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Some Other Race Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
						Total		Total		Total		Total		Total	
		Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4		4,931	2,427	34	16	173	76	68	32	29	18	220	120	136	71
5-17		14,997	7,238	57	21	573	273	219	109	101	42	515	246	401	186
18-44		39,965	19,752	137	34	1,025	511	576	322	230	111	750	379	746	397
45-64		20,798	10,262	26	8	348	173	150	86	58	25	237	126	200	105
65+		9,382	5,401	7	3	74	50	45	21	13	10	64	35	60	32
Total		90,073	45,080	261	82	2,193	1,083	1,058	570	431	206	1,786	906	1,543	791
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF1) 100-Percent Data															
Compiled by: Census & Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, September 2001															

Missoula County			
County of Residence	# Who Work In Missoula County	County of Work	# Who Live In Missoula County
Out of State	313	Out of State	293
Cascade County	120	Cascade County	65
Flathead County	56	Flathead County	28
Gallatin County	45	Gallatin County	20
Granite County	45	Granite County	56
Lake County	281	Lake County	182
Lewis & Clark County	63	Lewis & Clark County	88
Mineral County	99	Mineral County	157
Missoula County	35,069	Missoula County	35,069
Powell County	20	Ravalli County	283
Ravalli County	1,604	Silver Bow County	32
Sanders County	77	Yellowstone County	42
Yellowstone County	73	Other Montana Counties	145
Other Montana Counties	75		